



# Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs

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## Registration is Open for 28th Indian Town Hall July 14, 15, 16 in Carefree

We are pleased to announce that Registration has begun for the **28th Annual Indian Town Hall** on **July 14, 15, and 16!** Early Bird registration prices are in effect until the end of the month at \$90. After that date the registration prices go up. Please visit our Website at: [www.azcia.gov](http://www.azcia.gov) and click **News and Events** to register online. We now accept credit cards when you register online. While you are there why not purchase one of our **Tribal Resource Directory's** too!

Please note, sponsorship and vendor booths are available. Contact Lorie Wells at [lorie.wells@azcia.gov](mailto:lorie.wells@azcia.gov) for more information!

This year's topic will be Protecting Land and Water in terms of Quality, Quantity, Rights and Culture. This year should be our biggest event yet. Because of the anticipated size of the event, we'll be at the beautiful Carefree Resort in Carefree, AZ.

## Spotlight on Tribal Liaisons: Michael Allison

Michael joined the Arizona Department of Health Services in January of 2001. His main responsibility, as Native American Liaison, is to enhance effective working relationship between the Arizona Department of Health Services and the Arizona Native American health care community comprised of twenty-one tribal health departments, three urban Indian health programs, the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc., three Indian Health Service Area Offices, and other agencies providing health services to the Arizona Native American community.



Michael is a member of the Navajo Nation originally from Shiprock, New Mexico. His Navajo clans are Ta'chii'nii (red running into the water people) and Naakaaii Dine (the Mexican Navajo people). He earned his Master of Business Administration Degree from the University of New Mexico in 1974 and his Master of Public Health Degree from the University of Arizona in May 2003. He has thirty years of management work experience in small business development, tribal economic development, health care management, and public health. Former positions held by Michael include: Executive Director, Navajo Division of Economic Development; Executive Vice President, National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development; and Executive Director, Native American Community Health Center, Inc.

Michael serves on the following state commission and boards: Ex-Officio Board Member, Arizona Commission on Indian Affairs; Member, Advisory Council on Indian Health Care; and Member, Governor's Council on Health, Physical Fitness and Sports.

ACIA is:

**Kenneth Poocha,**  
*Executive Director*

**Traci L. Morris,**  
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## ARIZONA COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS TRAINING ON NATIVE AMERICAN ISSUES

There is a new addition to the Arizona Government University ( [www.azgu.gov](http://www.azgu.gov) ); the Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs (ACIA) is offering "American Indian 101." According to Executive Director Ken Poocha, "This is the "everything you wanted to know about Indians, but didn't know who to ask" course." The first offering was held on April 14th, 2008 for 24 state employees. The next training is in June.

Titled *American Indian 101: An Introduction to American Indian Historical, Political, Cultural and Contemporary Issues*, this 3 hour interactive discussion is an opportunity for individuals with little to no knowledge to learn more about tribes in both Arizona and the United States including historical and contemporary perspectives, tribal demographics, and state and Federal agencies that deal with tribes. Participants will also have the opportunity to ask questions and learn where more information is available.

Please note this training is for State Employees only. However, we are very happy to do this training for outside entities for a fee. Contact us to discuss additional options!

To add your event to the Newsletter Calendar or the ACIA website calendar please contact:

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### Calendar of Events

23rd Annual UCLA Pow Wow  
May 3-4, 2008 - Los Angeles, CA

Southern Soul  
May 2-3, 2008 - Kayenta, AZ

Haskell Indian Nation Univ. Powwow  
May 9 & 10 2008, Haskell Powwow Grounds, Lawrence Ks

Bear Dance Spring Celebration  
May 9-10, 2008 - Fort Duchesne, UT

Indian Creek  
May 9-10, 2008 - Red Mesa, AZ

37th Annual Stanford University – "The Largest Student-Run Powwow in the US"  
May 9-11, 2008 - Palo Alto, California

Northern Ute Bear Dance  
May 16-19, 2008 - Ft. Duchesne, UT

37th Annual San Diego State University Pow Wow  
May 17, 2008 - San Diego, CA

Southern Company  
May 23-25, 2008 - Montezuma Creek, UT

Southern Ute Bear Dance  
May 23-25, 2008 - Ignacio, CO

1st Annual FOR THE PEOPLE POW WOW  
MAY 23-25, 2008

2nd Annual Pink Shawl Project  
May 24, 2008 - Albuquerque, NM

2nd Annual Prescott  
May 24-25, 2008 - Prescott, AZ

20th Annual Snow Mountain  
May 24-25, 2008 - Las Vegas, NV

7th Annual Memorial Day Gourd Dance  
May 24-25, 2008 - Mescalero, NM

Towaoc Bear Dance  
May 30-June 2, 2008 - Towaoc, CO

3rd Annual Traditional Wacipi  
May 31, 2008 - Flagstaff, AZ

### American Indian Studies Courses Online!

Online courses offered for the first time!  
2008 Summer Session 1 (Jun 2- July 3)  
Enroll now!

#### *AIS 180 - Introduction to American Indian Studies*

3 credit hours - Online Course—Line # 46615

Introduces American Indian Studies with primary topics including sovereignty, law, and culture.

#### *AIS 280 - American Indian Sovereignty and the Courts*

3 credit hours - Online course—Line # 46616

Examines the sovereign status of American Indians and legal relationships between the tribes and the U.S. government.

For more information contact [Sara.Pena-Lee@asu.edu](mailto:Sara.Pena-Lee@asu.edu)  
Must have internet access!

Please go to the following page to apply to ASU:  
<https://sec.was.asu.edu/ugapp/mainmenulogic>.

### Save the Date! October 27-29, 2008

Native American Fatherhood and Families Association (NAFFA) asks you to save the date for the *3rd Annual Native American Fatherhood Conference*. This conference is sponsored by: Native American Fatherhood and Families Association. Please check our web site next week at [www.nativeamericanfathers.org](http://www.nativeamericanfathers.org) for additional information on the speakers.

### SPECIAL!!!

at the reduced rate of  
**\$10**  
(previously \$15)

### 2007-2008 Arizona Tribal/Urban Indian Community Resource Directory

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